

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 791

By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Arielle Caitlin Lankford, 2006 Valedictorian of Oliver Springs High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Arielle Caitlin Lankford is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Oliver Springs High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Lankford has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Arielle Caitlin Lankford has earned an exemplary 4.16 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous accolades; she was selected to the Freshman and Sophomore Homecoming Court, twice participated in the Roane State math competition, placed third in Photography at the Roane State Academic Festival, received the Advanced Placement Biology Award, and was named to the National Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, Ms. Lankford is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Bible Club, STARS, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, International Club, Junior and Senior Class Float Committee, the Scholars Bowl team, which she served as Captain, and the National Beta Club, which she has served as both President and Vice President; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed leader among her peers, she served as President of the Student Council, Treasurer of her Junior class, and Vice President of her Sophomore class and participated in the Roane County Youth Alliance Leadership Program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lankford is also a gifted athlete who played varsity soccer and basketball and ran varsity cross country; she served with distinction as Captain of the soccer and basketball teams and earned All-State, All-Region, and All-District laurels in soccer and All-District honors in basketball; and

WHEREAS, Arielle Caitlin Lankford has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and she volunteers her time and considerable talents to worthy causes, including the United Way Day of Caring, participation in a mission trip, and service as a soccer coach at Youth Camp; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lankford's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success in college and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Roger and Trish Lankford, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Arielle Caitlin Lankford's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Arielle Caitlin Lankford, 2006 Oliver Springs High School Valedictorian, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.